

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

We claim:

1.)(Amended) A beverage can [(1,2)] mainly made from metal sheet, the beverage can comprising: [having]

a wall portion and axial ends thereof, [and on both] said axial ends of the wall portion having an openable first portion and a non openable second portion [, respectively];

(i) said first portion having a domed shape [(1.1)], vaulted axially outward and provided at a bottom end of the beverage can;

(ii) said second portion having a substantially flat panel[(2.1)] and a seam [(2.4)] surrounding said panel and attaching said panel to the wall of the can.

2.) (Amended) A beverage can [(1 ,2)] mainly made from metal sheet, the beverage can comprising: [having]

a wall portion and axial ends thereof, and on one of both axial ends of the wall portion an openable first portion and on the other of both axial ends a non closable second portion;

(i) said first portion having a domed shape [(1.1)], vaulted axially outward and provided at a bottom end of the beverage can;

(ii) said second portion having a substantially flat panel [(2.1)] and a seam [(2.4)]surrounding said panel and attaching said panel to the wall of the can.

3.) (Amended) A beverage can [(1, 2)] mainly made from metal sheet, the beverage can comprising: [having]

a wall portion and axial ends thereof, and on one of the axial ends of the wall portion a closable first portion and on the other of the axial ends a non openable second portion;

(i) said first portion having a domed shape [(1.1)], vaulted axially outward and provided at a bottom end of the beverage can;

(ii) said second portion having a substantially flat panel [(2.1)] and a seam [(2.4)] surrounding said panel and attaching said panel to the wall of the can.

4.) (Amended) A beverage can [(1,2)] mainly made from metal sheet, the beverage can comprising: [having]

a wall portion and axial ends thereof, [and on both] the axial ends of the wall portion having a closable first portion and a non closable second portion, respectively;

(i) said first portion having a domed shape [(1.1)], vaulted axially outward and provided at a bottom end of the beverage can;

(ii) said second portion having a substantially flat panel [(2.1)] and a seam [(2.4)] surrounding said panel and attaching said panel to the wall of the can.

5.)(Cancelled)

6.) (Amended) The beverage can of [one of the previous claims] claim 1 or 3, wherein the outwardly domed base [(1.1)] having in a substantially centered [centred] sub portion thereof a spout [(3,3')], giving way to an inside [(1i)] of the can, and having at least one thread [(3.1, 3.9)], adapted to receive an oppositely arranged other thread [(4.5",4.1)], carried by a reclosing closure [(4)] designed as a bottom cap.

7.) (Amended) A can of claim 1 [5 or 6], the openable first end portion [(1.1)] having a substantially circular opening [(1e)] of smaller diameter than a diameter of the wall [(1b)] closable by a cap shaped device [(4, 4.1"")].

8.) (Amended) The can of claim [5] 1 or 3, [wherein in] said first portion having an aperture [(1e)] and thereto permanently mounted a carrier [(3,3')] for releasably holding a re-closing closure (4, 4', 4'', 4'''), such as a cap, having a socket [(4.1, 4a)] adapted to said carrier for at least one of a closing and releasing action, preferably also having a standing and stacking rim (46, 4.7, 4.2'') adapted for a nesting interengagement with a seam (2.4) of another can, or designed according to a radial dimension of the seam (2.4) of the claimed can.

9.) (Amended) The can of claim 8, wherein said action for closing and releasing comprises at least in part one of a twisting, screwing [or] and turning movement.

10.) (Amended) The can of claim 8 [or 9], wherein said action comprises a pulling or pushing axial movement component.

11.) (Amended) The can of claim 9, said action comprising axial and twisting movement components, to define a screw line.

12.) (Amended) The can of claim [5] 1, 2, 3 or 4, comprising a re-closing closure [(4)] , said closure being releasably secured [(4.1, 3.2)] to the bottom portion as the first portion (1.1) as "first axial portion" .

13.) (Amended) The can of [previous] claim [12] 1, 2, 3 or 4, [said] having a closure having a peripheral contour [(4.6, 4.3")], for supporting the closed can for a steady stand on a flat level surface ;

~~preferably an axially extending rim .~~

14.) (Amended) The can of [previous] claim 13, said peripheral contour [(4.6)] having an axially protruding rim [(4.6, 4.7)], shaped at least partly [(4.2'')] in a circumferential direction, and said closure having a substantially flat bottom panel [(4.4,4.1'')], surrounded by said at least partly circumferential rim, wherein no portion of said bottom panel exceeds [exceeding] the rim's axial protrusion.

14a. (Cancelled)

15.) (Amended) The can of claims [1 to 5] 1 or 3, wherein a top end is opposite to the bottom axial end and near to a seam [(2.4)] between a lid panel [(2.1)] and a wall; and a bottom is where the base is, the bottom having no seam near to it.

16.) (Amended) The can of claim [5] 1 or 3, wherein the [closability] openable portion [or openability] is related to a smaller portion [(4.1''), 1e, 3)] than the whole openable or ~~closable or non-openable or non-closable first or second portion, respectively.~~

17.) (Amended) The can of claim 8, the carrier [(3,3')] and the socket [(4.1; 4a)] having a tubular shape and each of them carrying a thread for corresponding twistable [(screw

able)] interaction, when one of opening and closing the can base by said re-closing closure [(4,4',4",4"')].

18.) (Amended) The can of [previous] claim 17, said flange having a diameter substantially smaller than said re-closing closure [(4)], and said closure having a tubular outer skirt [(4.8,4.1')], having a first axial length, larger than a second axial length of said tubular socket [(4.1 ; 4a)].

19.) (Amended) The can of claim 8 [or 12], said re-closing closure [(4)] having a substantially cylindrical shape, and an outer skirt [(4.1)] adapted for holding and gripping [(4.9;4c)] to exert rotational forces by hand [of human].

20.) (Amended) The can of claim 8 [or 12], the re-closing closure carrying a gasket [(4.5)], adapted for blocking gas and liquid in a closed position of the re-closing closure against the carrier [(3,3')].

21.) (Amended) The can of [one of claims] claim 8 [or 12], said re-closing closure [(4)] having a radially oriented vent passage [(3.4)].

22.) (Amended) The can of [previous] claim 21, said vent passage cooperating with several second axial vent passages [(3.2)] in said carrier [(3)] to open a passageway through a still not fully disengaged thread pair [(3.1, 4.1)], releasing an overpressure upon releasing a closed position of said carrier and closure [(3.4)].

23.) (Amended) The can of claim 8,[12 or 21,] wherein the re-closing closure comprises at least a first part of a tamper evidence device [(3.5, 3.4, 4.2;3.8'',4.9'')], near to the bottom of said can, having cooperating segments, adapted to break upon an initial opening action [, such as an initial twisting action or an initial pulling action or an initial spiral movement].

24.) (Amended) The can of claim 8, said carrier [(3,3')] being substantially rigid and having at least one radially oriented ring portion [(3.3)], permanently mounted to the outwardly domed base, next to the aperture [(le)] of said base [(1 .1)].

25.) (Amended) The can of claim 8, said carrier [(3.1 A', 3.2', 3', 3, 4')] extending at least partly into said can, and having a first [(3.1 1 ;3b)] and a second [(3.4';3a)] part, for an axial relative movement between said two parts, telescoping the first part against at least the second part (3.4') upon an at least axial movement of said re-closing closure [(4'',4"')].

26.) (Amended) The can of claim 8 [or 12], comprising a vessel [(5)] having a closed bottom [(5b)] and an axially extending wall, [is] the vessel being attached to said re-closing closure [(4'', 4.4'', 4',4.2')], adapted for a detachment [(Y)] from said closure, releasing an radially protruding locking means [(4.4'', 4.2', 4.3'')] between vessel wall and re-closing closure, to take the vessel off the re-closing closure.

27.) (Amended) A can body for receiving a beverage filled into an inside [(1i)] of said body at a filler's location, said body made from sheet material, having a wall portion [(1b, 1c)] and axial ends thereof, and one axial end of the wall portion having one of an openable and [or] closable first portion [(1.1;3,4;3',4')], said first portion having a stepless domed shape, vaulted in an axial direction [(100)] and provided as bottom end of the can body [(1)];

(i) said second portion having provided a body hook [(2.5)] for receiving and supporting a lid [(2)] having a substantially flat panel [(2.1)] and a seam building radial outer rim [(2.3)], surrounding said panel and adapted for attaching said lid [(2)] to the body hook of the can body;

(ii) said ~~openable or closable~~ first portion [(1.1 ;3,4;3',4')] having a cap shaped closing device [(4,4',4",4"')] of a first diameter, substantially corresponding to a second diameter of said wall portion, and having an axial extension smaller than an axial height of the can body.

27a. (Cancelled)

28.) (Amended) A can body for receiving a beverage filled into an inside [(1i)] of said body at a filler's location, said body made from sheet material, having a wall portion [(1b, lc)] and axial ends thereof, and one axial end of the wall portion having provided thereto one of an openable [or] and closable *first* portion [(1 .I)], said first portion having a smooth domed shape, vaulted axially and provided as bottom end of the can body [(1)];

 said second portion having provided a body hook [(2.5)] for receiving and supporting a lid [(2)] having a substantially flat panel [(2.1)] and a seam building radial outer rim [(2.3)], surrounding said panel and adapted for seaming said lid [(2)] to the body hook of the can body to form a closed can; said ~~openable or closable~~ first portion [(1.1)] having a cup shaped vessel [(5)], detachably associated to said first portion (1.1), ~~preferably through a closing member (4,4',4",4"')~~ ~~associated to the openable or closable first portion in a portion (1e) thereof, smaller than a lateral extension of the cup (5).~~

29.) (Amended) A can body for receiving a beverage filled into an inside [(1i)] of said body at a filler's location, said body made from sheet material, and having a wall portion [(1b,lc)] and two axial ends thereof, one axial end of the wall portion having provided

thereto an openable or closable first portion (1.1), said first portion having a domed shape and provided as bottom end of the can body (1);

(i) said second portion having provided a body hook [(2.5)] for receiving and supporting a lid [(2)] having a substantially flat panel [(2.1)] and a seam building radial outer rim [(2.3)], surrounding said panel and adapted for seaming said lid [(2)] to the body hook of the can body at the filler's location;

(ii) said openable or closable first portion [(1.1)] having an extendable spout [(3';3b,3c)] of a diameter less than a diameter of said wall portion [(1b)].

30.) (Cancelled)

31.) (Cancelled).

32.) (Amended) The can body of one of claims 27 to 29 [30], produced from a metal sheet, and emerging [form] from a DWI process.

33.) (Amended) The can body of one of claims 27 to 29 [30], said wall portion having a thickness below 0.24 mm (millimetres).

34.) (Cancelled)

35.) (New) The can body of claim 27, said cap having an axially extending nesting rim, provided at least partially circumferential, and having a dimension adapted to a dimension of the other end seam prepared from the seamed body hook and lid rim.

36.) (New) The can of claim 23 wherein the initial opening action comprises one of an initial twisting action, an initial pulling action or an initial spiral movement.

37.) (New) The can of claim 14, wherein the axially protruding rim is adapted to cooperate in a nesting manner with another can's seam, which corresponds to the seam of the claimed can.

38.) (New) The can of claim 8, said closure having a standing and stacking rim wherein said rim comprises one of a rim adapted for a nesting interengagement with a seam of another can, or a rim designed according to a radial dimension of the seam of the claimed can.

39.) (New) The can of claim 1 or 3, wherein the closeable portion is related to a smaller portion than the whole closeable second portion.

40. (New) The can of claim 28 wherein the detachable association of said cup shaped vessel to said first portion comprises a closing member associated to the one of an openable and closable first portion in a portion thereof, smaller than a lateral extension of the cup.

41. (New) The can of claim 13 wherein the peripheral contour comprises an axially extending rim.